



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

Atty. Docket No.: 2551-026

Douglas M. BLAIR

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For: **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING SEQUENCE DATABASE COMPARISON**

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner, mailed September 11, 2003, finally rejecting claims 1-23.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find the following:

1. Notice of Appeal; and
2. One check in the amount of \$165.00 for filing the Notice of Appeal.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-1579. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 18-1579 for any future fees connected in any way to this application. Two copies of this letter are enclosed.

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